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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1951.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1951 was estimated to be 581,486, comprising 299,093 Males and 282,393 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1950 was 309,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	SEPTEMBER.		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Marriages - Number.	400	432	4,002	4,002
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.33	9.32	9.24	9.64
Births - Number.	1,150	1,198	11,187	10,487
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	23.96	25.83	25.82	25.26
Deaths - Number.	424	443	4,019	3,751
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.83	9.55	9.28	9.03
Infant Mortality - Number.	23	27	334	281
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	20.00	22.54	29.86	26.80
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	5	14	63	105
Cancer.	56	63	529	505
Influenza.	3	6	18	18
Diphtheria.	1	1	11	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, Etc.	51	41	433	380
Arteriosclerosis.	19	14	160	108
Diseases of the Heart.	142	138	1,294	1,148
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	16	21	159	132
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	3	3	53	40
Nephritis.	3	14	64	73
Diseases of Early Infancy.	15	13	206	171
Senility.	3	5	25	35
Accidents.	25	27	293	302
All Other Causes.	82	83	711	728
Total.	424	443	4,019	3,751

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October totalled 1,046,130 acres, an increase of 118,071 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,719,808 acres, an increase of 1,309,628.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of OCTOBER.		4 Months ended OCTOBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	2,602,326	1,953,428	10,431,522	7,800,121
Revenue per Head of Population.	£4. 8. 10	£3. 8. 11	£17. 17. 3	£13.17. 1
Expenditure.	2,763,163	1,997,947	10,650,605	8,400,085
Expenditure per Head of Population	£4.14. 4	£3. 10. 6	£18. 4. 9	£14.18. 4

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st October amounted to £45,998,375 or £78. 7. 3d. per head of population as against £40,003,608 or £70. 8. Od. per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

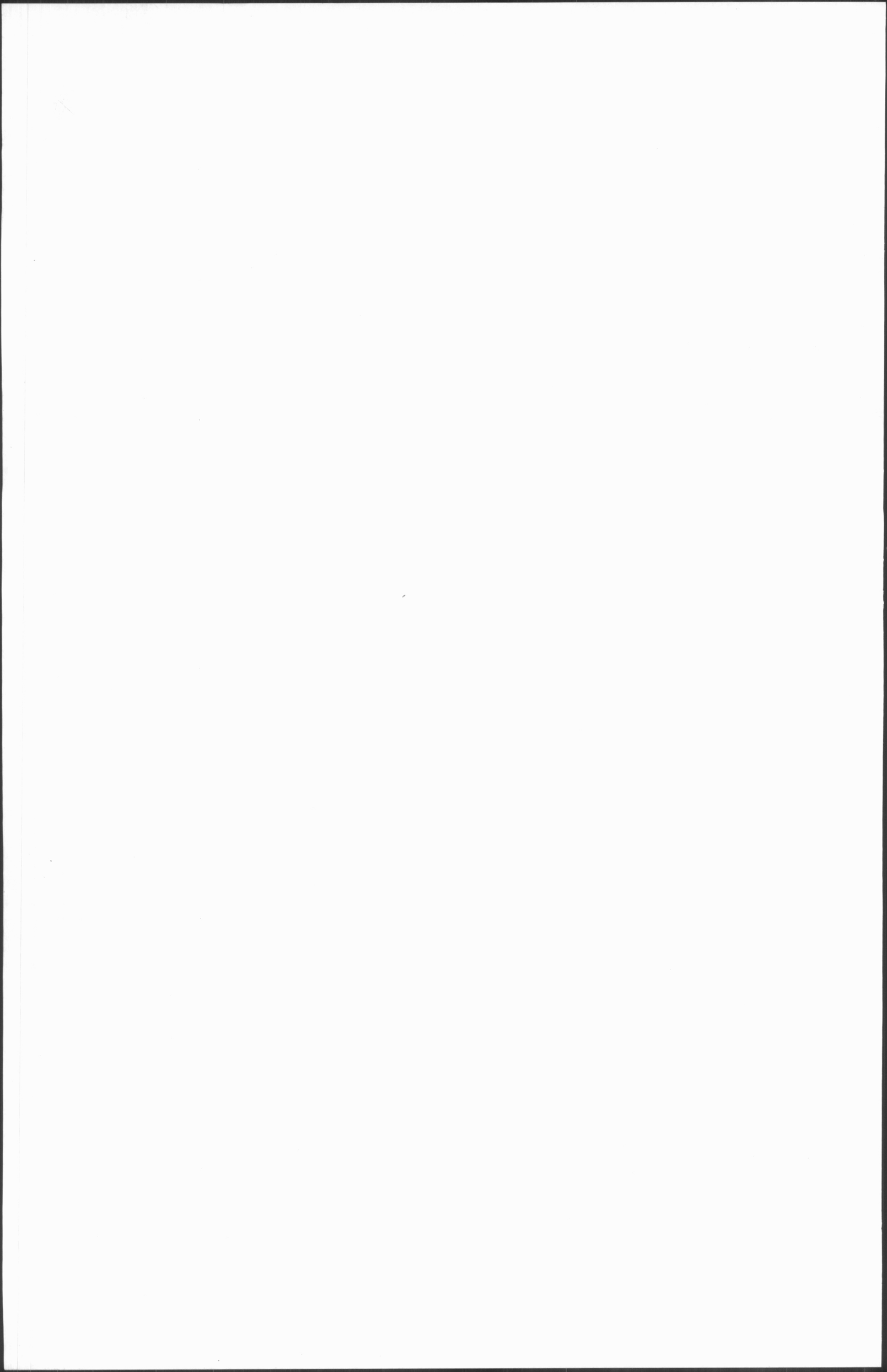
The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 31st October, 1951 amounted to £11,069,039 compared with £10,004,538 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		OCTOBER.		4 Months ended OCTOBER.	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Transfers.	No.	2,016	2,065	8,626	8,385
	£.	2,313,363	1,903,256	11,528,725	8,524,088
Mortgages.	No.	1,282	1,359	5,681	6,077
	£.	1,745,540	1,561,071	8,153,747	7,699,086
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	904	894	3,842	3,967

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Four Months ended October, 1950.	9,375,557	6,555,098	16,087,159	882,747
Four Months ended October, 1951.	12,517,828	9,530,815	28,333,753	1,426,713
Month of October - 1950.	2,524,354	1,700,688	3,752,985	240,719
Month of October - 1951.	3,581,597	2,263,518	8,407,377	446,186



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

33 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,896,500, and 26 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 46 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,232,000, and 14 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	4 Months ended OCTOBER,					
	1951			1950		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	7	19,516	25,766	13	32,559	9,143
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	4	5,935	3,813	9	22,718	26,487
Deeds of Arrangement.	1	1,978	1,015	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	SEPTEMBER.		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	745,900	658,800	2,366,200	1,754,250
Working Expenses. (a) £.	827,326	677,606	2,525,371	1,996,004
Train Miles Run. No.	571,165	627,718	1,796,992	1,834,556
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b) 153,379	(b) 134,033	(c) 445,176	(c) 380,743
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train. No.	1,205,389	1,117,034	2,916,226	2,800,750
Motor Bus. No.	50,940	45,081	146,298	123,692

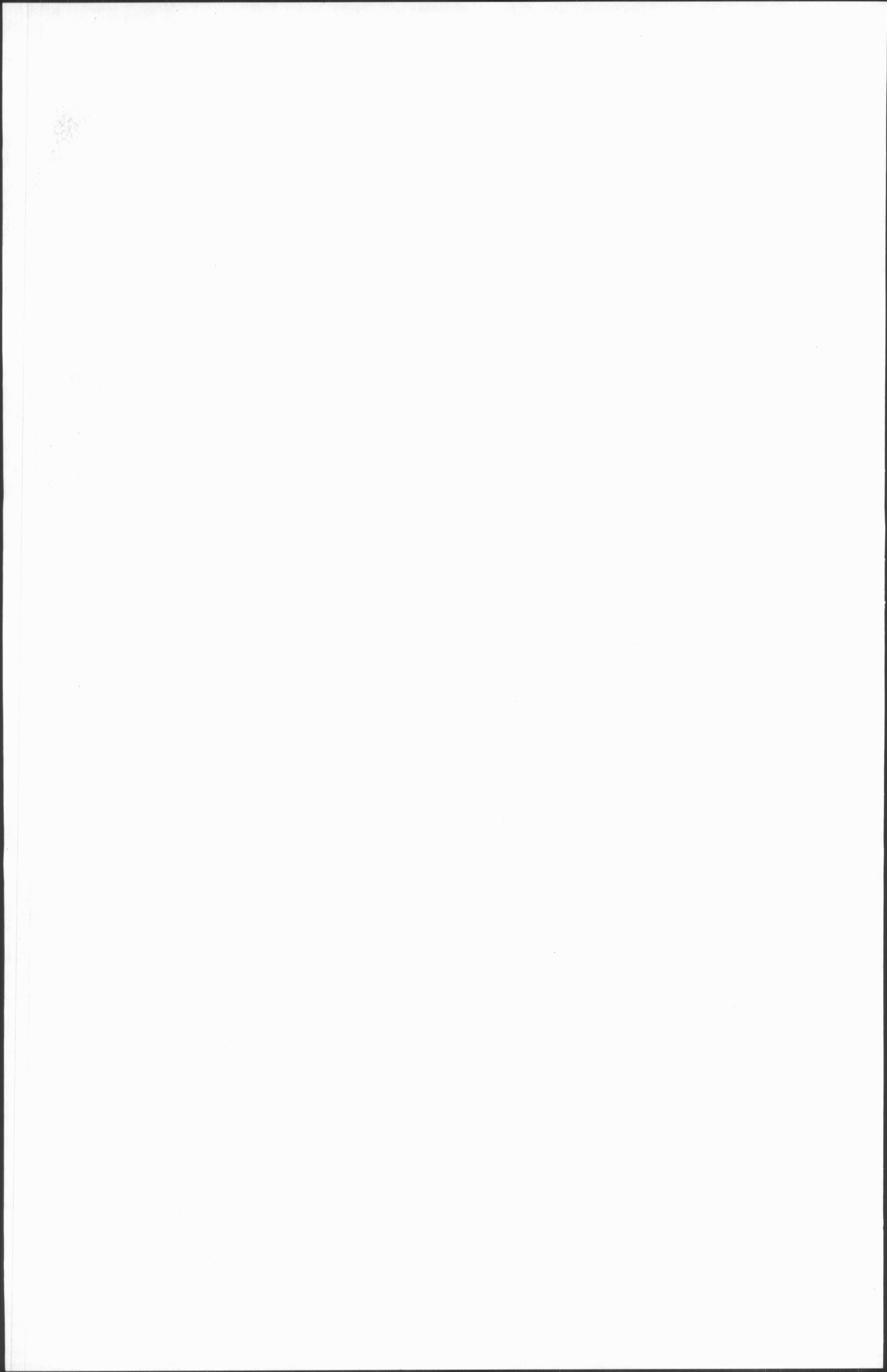
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods.	243,909	236,237	795,516	731,870
Livestock.	11,137	12,623	27,654	34,281
Departmental.				
(Free Freight).	57,326	61,206	194,465	197,359
Total.	312,372	310,066	1,017,635	963,510
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods.	36,514,849	37,579,791	121,165,529	114,951,401
Livestock.	1,395,617	1,607,631	3,572,589	4,847,310
Departmental.				
(Free Freight).	7,452,726	7,271,617	23,005,639	24,638,077
Total.	45,363,192	46,459,039	147,743,757	144,436,788

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 22nd September.

(c) Period ended 22nd September.

* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

Period.	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947.	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948.	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949.	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
Year 1950.	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
1951 -								
January.	264	137	3	123	507	458	5	208
February.	348	177	2	137	654	526	5	224
March.	354	199	2	208	666	604	4	338
April.	359	153	1	193	652	449	7	308
May.	329	200	3	159	600	477	9	266
June.	259	221	2	145	475	520	6	244
July.	330	158	4	123	592	457	16	248
August.	369	171	9	108	656	424	16	175
September.	371	164	5	161	717	434	8	270

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December.	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December.	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
1950 -								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December.	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
1951 -								
January.	31,463	13,645	497	8,341	51,830	41,257	898	12,853
February.	31,656	13,783	498	8,437	52,904	42,942	917	13,256
March.	31,900	13,932	496	8,550	53,460	43,496	917	13,500
April.	32,113	14,041	498	8,670	54,422	44,571	934	13,970
May.	32,301	14,154	498	8,757	55,126	45,386	944	14,260
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
July.	33,891	14,896	498	9,097	55,406	45,293	922	13,761
August.	34,204	15,053	509	9,175	56,006	45,703	940	13,906
September.	34,482	15,188	505	9,300	56,630	46,108	939	14,140

(a) Not yet available.

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for September, 1951: 125 Cars; 813 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 15 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, September 1951 and 1950, and three months ended September 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	SEPTEMBER.		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER.		SEPTEMBER.		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea.	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate.	7,604	3,098	16,068	10,063	4,876	4,784	18,271	11,602
	4,608	3,858	16,389	11,602	975	694	2,932	1,996
Total.	12,212	6,956	32,457	21,665	5,851	5,478	21,203	13,598

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951 -										
March Qr.	442	583	780	1,255	8	26	82	189	1,312	2,053
June Qr.	425	571	1,002	1,629	5	20	143	301	1,575	2,521
Sept. Qr.	422	612	1,099	1,790	15	295	93	243	1,629	2,940

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951 -										
March Qr.	447	877	93	88	613	803	21	22	1,174	1,790
June Qr.	507	1,027	106	110	678	923	65	63	1,356	2,123
Sept. Qr.	504	1,071	116	120	722	1,080	38	44	1,380	2,315

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,056,344 lbs. were produced during September, 1951, and 5,460,083 lbs. for the three months ended September, 1951, as against 2,078,954 lbs. and 5,231,142 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	OCTOBER.		10 Months ended OCTOBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Quantity Fine Ozs.	51,433	57,556	519,533	504,576
Value (Aust. Currency), £.	796,777	891,643	8,048,435	7,827,918

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October, 1951, amounted to £651,762. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £925,775.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town.	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER.		SEPTEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area.	2019	1608	1856	1542	1911	1547	1764	1501
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2158	1737	1992	1673	1995	1652	1847	1596
Northam.	2051	1623	1878	1561	1915	1561	1776	1514
Bunbury.	2051	1630	1880	1549	1923	1573	1775	1519
Geraldton.	2093	1650	1913	1582	2002	1623	1855	1570
Collie.	2050	1618	1880	1552	1829	1487	1693	1439

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1950			1951		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	117,756	38,819	156,575	123,741	40,324	164,065
February.	118,064	39,050	157,114	124,946	41,182	166,128
March.	119,009	39,708	158,717	125,210	41,480	166,690
April.	119,440	39,726	159,166	124,785	41,729	166,514
May.	120,616	39,755	160,371	124,715	41,642	166,357
June.	120,479	39,952	160,431	125,284	41,564	166,848
July.	120,412	39,753	160,165	125,649	41,445	167,094
August.	121,263	40,015	161,278	125,475	41,602	167,077
September.	121,691	40,367	162,058	125,366	41,474	166,840
October.	121,871	40,343	162,214			
November.	122,889	40,583	163,472			
December.	123,146	41,199	164,345			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month.	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January.	162	171	179	194	206	1134	1233	1354	1410	1490
February.	164	172	182	197	209	1138	1249	1358	1387	1495
March.	166	176	186	200	209	1145	1264	1371	1415	1513
April.	167	176	187	200	209	1144	1264	1377	1415	1508
May.	168	177	187	203	210	1151	1277	1354	1418	1500
June.	167	177	187	202	211	1153	1277	1362	1429	1517
July.	167	177	182	202	211	1168	1301	1381	1423	1517
August.	167	179	189	202	211	1181	1294	1377	1419	1510
September.	168	180	190	203	208	1172	1302	1365	1428	1518
October.	168	180	191	204		1184	1318	1375	1431	
November.	169	182	192	205		1215	1349	1402	1450	
December.	170	182	194	204		1267	1385	1470	1531	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.*	Metropolitan Area.		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields and Rest of State.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
22nd October, 1951.	10. 5. 8	6. 13. 8	10. 4. 7	6. 13. 0	10. 10. 11	6. 17. 1

* The Female basic wage was declared as operating from the 1st December, 1951.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	OCTOBER.		4 Months ended OCTOBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	26,821	22,238	107,329	86,848
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	23,426	20,333	93,913	79,544

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
October, 1951.	5,259	398	117,589	11,475
October, 1950.	4,703	492	122,089	9,058
10 Months ended October, 1951.	96,822	3,527	532,413	91,800
10 Months ended October, 1950.	98,564	4,215	604,105	78,145

